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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is submitted in Response to the Official Action dated November 2, 2005.

The Applicants note the rejection of Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103 over the hypothetical combination of Schweitzer '282, Tang '961 and Duggal '661 with Clark '690. The Applicants respectfully submit that, even if one skilled in the art were to make the hypothetical combination, the resulting methodology would still fail to teach or suggest the subject matter of Claim 12. Detailed reasons are set forth below.

The rejection relies on Clark '690 and points out that "wherein the deposition masks are retained to the base plate by engaging units, such as screw (Col. 3, lines 17 – 26), in a disengageable manner (Col. 2, lines 31 – 38), such that the position of each deposition mask can be adjusted relative to the base plate independently of the other deposition masks (Col. 2, lines 44 – 47)." The Applicants have carefully considered the relevant locations in Clark '690 and